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SAN ANTONIO MAN ADMITS TO ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE DRUGS INTO THE UNITED STATES THROUGH THE EAGLE PASS PORT OF ENTRY

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 32-year-old Salvador Anguiano, Jr., of San Antonio, Texas, pled guilty this morning to possession of 50 grams or more of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

Appearing before United States District Judge Alia Moses Ludlum in Del Rio, Texas, Anguiano admitted that on September 30, 2003, he tried to enter the United States through the Eagle Pass Port of Entry while transporting a little more than four kilograms of methamphetamine. During the search of the defendant's vehicle, inspectors discovered eight packages of methamphetamine concealed in a false floor of the trunk and a false compartment under the center console. Inspectors also discovered 3,166 tablets of MDMA (a.k.a. Ecstasy) and 49.6 grams of cocaine inside the vehicle.

As a result of his guilty plea, Anguiano faces between ten years and life in federal prison. Sentencing is scheduled for June 7, 2004.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Bureau of Customs & Border Protection (CBP). Assistant United States Attorney John A. Peralta is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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